



Small Chinese blue and white 'Hatcher Cargo' bottle vase, Shunzhi period (1644-46)

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Small Chinese blue and white 'Hatcher Cargo' bottle vase, Shunzhi period (1644-46), decorated with floral sprays to the body separated by grass and sprigs of bamboo, the neck with sprays of fine leaves and foliage above a band of scrollwork, with Christie's label to base, height: 7 7/8 in. (20 cm.); condition: . Provenance: From the Hatcher Collection; sold at Christie's Amsterdam 12-13th June 1984. The Hatcher Cargo (1643-1646) was recovered from the wreck of a Chinese junk in the South China seas port of Batavia (today Jakarta), where Chinese cargoes were transhipped to Dutch East Indiamen for their journey to Europe. In 1983 Captain Michael Hatcher and his crew brought up around 25,000 pieces of unbroken porcelain from the Hatcher junk, many of which were sold at Christies Amsterdam. A date for the cargo was established by the existence in the find of two pieces with the Chinese cyclical date of 1643. For a similar vase see Sheaf, Colin and Kilburn, Richard, 'The Hatcher Porcelain Cargoes: The Complete Record', (Christie's Ltd. 1988), p. 56, pl. 72.

Material and Technique	Porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration
Origin	Chinese
Period	17th Century
Condition	Other
Dimensions	Height: 20cm.

